

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

IMMUNIZATIONS: All students **MUST** have their immunizations completed according to Iowa law or a valid Certificate of Medical or Religious Immunization Exemption received by the school at the start of the school year. The following immunizations are required for school enrollment :

4 years of age and older:

- 5 doses** Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (Dtap) with the last one being after the age of 4 years.
- 4 doses** Polio, with 1 dose after the age of 4 years.
- 3 doses** Hepatitis B if born on or after July 1, 1994.
- 2 doses** Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR). First dose after 12 months of age, second dose no less than 28 days after the first dose.
- 2 doses** Varicella after 12 months of age if born on or after September 15, 2003, or a reliable history of natural disease.

All 7th grade students are required by Iowa law to receive a Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine prior to the start of the 7th grade school year.

Immunizations may be obtained free of charge at the Henry County Public Health Immunization Clinic on the following days:

Wednesday	1:00-4:00pm
Thursday	1:00-4:00pm

The first Thursday of the month the clinic is open from 1:00-6:00pm. The Immunization clinic may be reached at 319-385-6724 with any questions.

PHYSICAL EXAM REQUIREMENTS:

Preschool and Junior Kindergarten students: A physical exam **must** be completed by a health care provider and a copy provided to school by the parent prior to the first day of school.

Kindergarten: A physical exam from your child's health care provider is not required but is strongly encouraged prior to the first day of school.

DENTAL SCREENING: According to Iowa law, all **Kindergarten and 9th grade** students are required to have a Certificate of Dental Screening completed by your dentist. If you are unable to have a dentist complete this screen, the dental hygienist who completes our audit will perform the screen and contact you if your student needs to see the dentist for dental care.

VISION SCREEN: Iowa law requires all **Kindergarten and 3rd grade** students to have a vision screen. This screen can be completed by an optometrist, school nurse, or your family doctor. The school nurse completes a vision exam on all Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th grade students during the fall and this screen will comply with the Iowa law. If your child will have an appointment with an optometrist this summer, please ask them to complete a certificate of vision screen or vision green card and return it to the school.

LEAD: All **Kindergarten students must** have had a lead screen prior to Kindergarten. Please provide the school with the date and results of your child's lead screen.

MEDICATIONS REQUIREMENTS

Administering Medications to Students

Prescription Medications: If your child will need prescribed medications (i.e. Inhalers, Ritalin, etc.) administered at school during the school year, please have your physician sign an order for the medication to be administered at school. This includes any short-term medicine like antibiotics. All prescription medications **must in the original bottle from the pharmacy.**

Non-prescription Medication If your child will need an over-the-counter medication to be administered at school **the parent/guardian must provide the medication to the school in the original container and sign a permission form for the nurse or trained staff to administer the medication.**

FIRST AID MEASURES AT SCHOOL:

Small cuts, scrapes or abrasions will first be washed with soap and water. A triple antibiotic may then be applied and covered with a bandaid. Rashes that itch and bug bites may be treated by applying an anti-itch cream such as Benadryl or Hydrocortisone 1% cream. Please contact the school nurse if you do not want triple antibiotic cream, Benadryl cream or Hydrocortisone 1% cream applied to your child. Open or draining wounds must be covered with a gauze bandage or bandaid.

Please call the school nurse, Sue Weiss, RN or Jennifer Striegel, RN, with any questions or concerns at 385-7750.

Should Your Child Stay Home From School?

Only well children should attend school. In order to minimize the spread of communicable disease, please adhere to the following guidelines when determining if your child should attend school:

1. Children with severe colds, nasal discharge or inflamed eyes should not come to school.
2. Children who are vomiting or have diarrhea should not attend, and should be **without symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.**
3. Children with temperatures of 100.0 degrees or above should not attend. The child's temperature **must be normal for 24 hours before returning to school.**
4. Children who have been prescribed antibiotics for contagious diseases such as strep throat, tonsillitis, bronchitis or pneumonia should not return to school until they have been taking the medication for 24 hours.
5. If your child requires Tylenol or Motrin to feel well enough to go to school, assume they are not well enough to attend school.
6. **No treatment, other than first aid measures, will be given at school.**

Only a health care provider can make a diagnosis, and if the nurse or other school personnel suspect a health problem, the parent/guardian will be notified with the suggestion that the child may need to see a doctor/healthcare provider. The school also follows these guidelines when determining if a child should be sent home. It is very important that we have an alternate or emergency number to call if the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) cannot be reached.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's health, please call the school nurse, Jennifer Striegel, RN or Sue Weiss, RN.